GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4612
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2001
INTRODUCTING OF REPLACEABLE CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce replaceable cylinders as Auto Fuel for two wheelers and three wheelers ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; (

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the safety of this usage ;

(d) if so, the findings thereof ;

(e) whether any request from Andhra Pradesh Government has been received in this regard for its early introduction ; and

(f) if so, the decision taken by the Government on introducing these replaceable cylinders ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d) : Government constituted a Committee in April, 2000 comprising ofLPG Equipment Research Centre, Bangalore (as convenor), Chief Controller of Explosives (CCOE) andAutomotive Research Association of India (ARAI) to examine the feasibility of use of LPG as an auto fuelby two/three wheelers with replaceable cylinders. The Committee Members except ARAI were of the view that the use of replaceable cylinders can lead to unauthorized and illegal storage, pilferage and various other problems leading to hazardous situations involving public safety.

(e) & (f) : Andhra Pradesh Government requested the Government to allow the use of replaceable cylinders in two/three wheelers. However, the proposal has not been agreed to by the Government in view of the reasons stated above.